BEFORE THE STATE ELECTION BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

REGISTRARS

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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF * Case No. 2006-000019

*

and

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ANNIE DORIS HOLDER,

Superintendent of Elections for Calhoun County,

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Respondents.

CONSENT ORDER

The State Election Board and the Respondents, the Calhoun County Board of Registration and Elections and Annie Doris Holder, Superintendent of Elections for Calhoun County, in lieu of further administrative or legal proceedings, hereby enter into the following stipulations and settlement agreement for the purpose of resolving this matter with the entry of this Consent Order.

STIPULATED FACTS

1.

During the July 2006 General Primary, Respondent Annie Doris Holder, Superintendent of Elections for Calhoun County, permitted voters of the Morgan Precinct, which had a fixed polling place, to vote at the nearest of two polling places outside the boundaries of their precinct for the convenience of voters.

During the July 2006 General Primary, Respondent Annie Doris Holder, Superintendent of Elections for Calhoun County, used a polling place in two precincts outside the boundaries of the Edison-Arlington Precinct, which did not have a fixed polling place, for the convenience of voters.

3.

During the July 2006 General Primary, Respondent Calhoun County Board of Registrars failed to list the correct polling place and address on precinct cards for voters in the Edison-Arlington Precinct and had failed to do so since 1995.

4.

During the July 2006 General Primary, Respondent Calhoun County Board of Registrars failed to issue precinct cards to all electors of the Edison-Arlington Precinct after the electors' polling place changed in July 2006.

5.

The County had allowed "convenience voting" for a number of years, which practice started prior to the current superintendent's administration.

6.

Respondent Annie Doris Holder, since the inception of this action, has completed all required training for her position. Both Respondent Annie Doris Holder and Respondent Calhoun County Board of Registrars, after being made aware that their conduct violated the State Election Code, have taken corrective measures to prevent further violations of the Code.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7.

Respondent Annie Doris Holder acknowledges that she violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(a) by permitting voters of the Morgan Precinct, which had a fixed polling place, to vote at the nearest of two polling places outside the boundaries of their precinct for the convenience of voters and by using a polling place in two precincts outside the boundaries of the Edison-Arlington Precinct, which did not have a fixed polling place, for the convenience of voters..

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Respondent Calhoun County Board of Registrars acknowledges that it violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-226(e) by failing, since 1995, to list the correct polling place and address on precinct cards for voters in the Edison-Arlington Precinct and failing to issue new precinct cards to all electors of the Edison-Arlington Precinct after the electors' polling place changed in July 2006.

ORDER

The Georgia State Election Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, inclusive of the within and forgoing "Stipulated Facts" and "Conclusions of Law," hereby **ORDERS**, and Respondent Annie Doris Holder hereby agrees, to cease and desist from violating O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(a). By this order, Respondent Holder is hereby reprimanded for her conduct.

Further, the Georgia State Election Board hereby **ORDERS**, and Respondent Calhoun County Board of Registrars hereby agrees, to cease and desist from violating O.C.G.A. § 21-2-226(e). By this order, Respondent Calhoun County Board of Registrars is hereby reprimanded for its failure to comply with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-226 (e)

This Consent Order, inclusive of its Stipulations and Order, shall not become effective unless and until approved by the Georgia State Election Board. If not agreed to, approved by,

and executed on behalf of, the Georgia State Election Board, neither stipulation nor any other part of this agreement shall have any binding legal effect whatsoever and shall not constitute an admission against interest or prejudice the ability of either the Board or Respondent to adjudicate this matter.

SO ORDERED this _______ day of ________, 2008.

(signatures on following page)

State Election Board

CONSENTED TO BY:

Anne Doris Holder
Calhoun County Superintendent of Elections

Chief Registrar for the

Respondent Calhoun County Board of Registrars

My Commissions Expires 12-31-09